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54 Malvern Street,

Newcastle-on-Tyne.

October 10th 1911

Dear J^r Pierce

I have been, week by week,
Expecting to receive an a/c
from you for items on behalf
of my son.

When Mr Walker has an
opportunity to oblige. I should
like it squared up.

My son has settled down
wonderfully at Scalebar
it has been quite a surprise
to us, as we dreaded very
much his removal, he is
still however very anxious

to be allowed to come home,
but I am told he cannot -
Yet he got to see that there
was ever any need why he
should be away from it.

May I be permitted to again
thank you and your staff
for the kindness shown to
him and to us while he
was with you

Yours very sincerely,
Harty

SCALEBOR PARK,
BURLEY-IN-WHARFEDALE.

30 July 1911

Dear D. Meice

We can admit
early at any time. Will
you kindly arrange about
his transfer. "Camps" have
temporarily reduced my
staff.

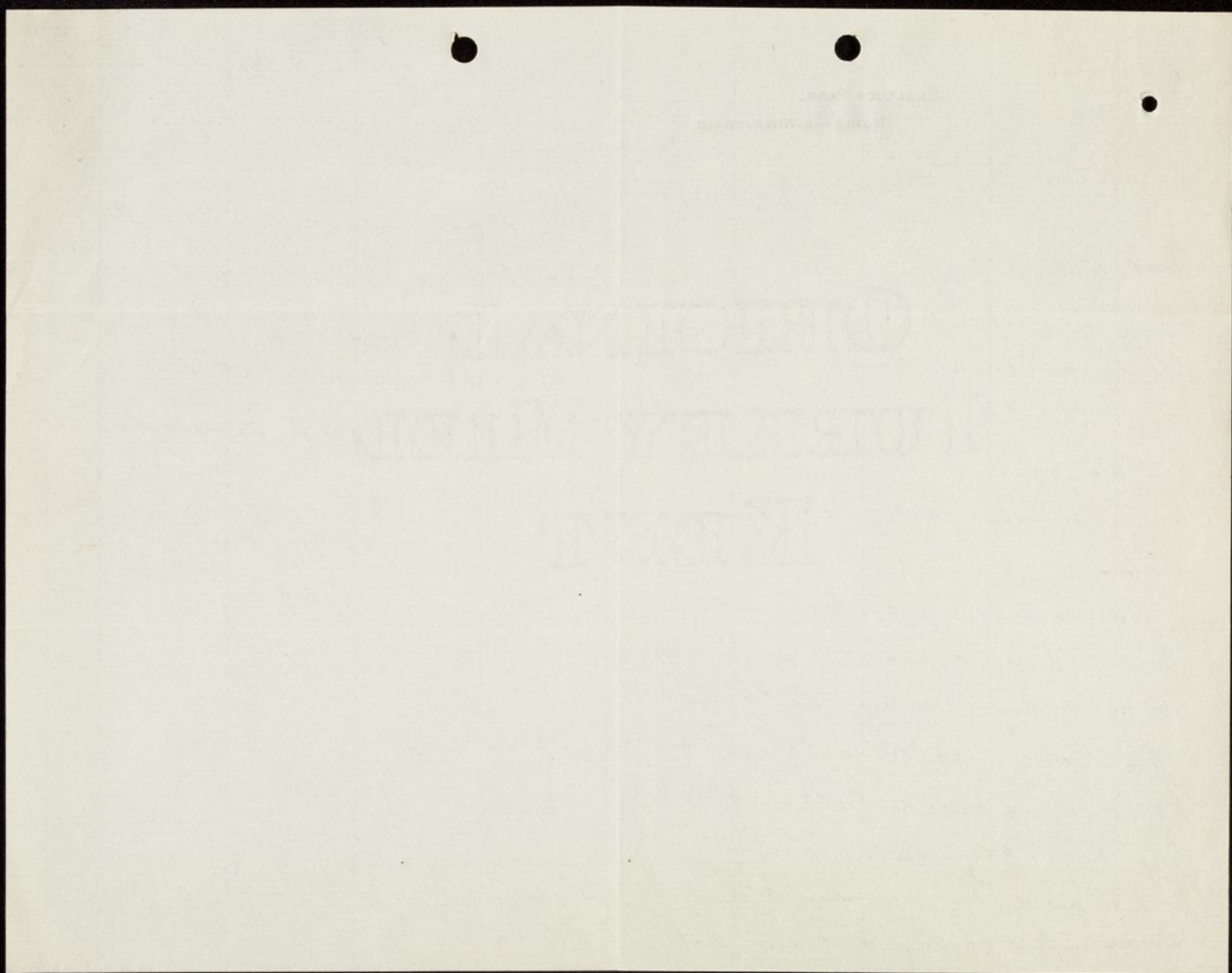
I did not get to Dutton
that practically decided
to go when I was detained.
You have little interest in
"60 hours a week" Bills &c but
they are annoying to us -
I have no doubt less trouble in
arranging to carry out any act

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than in getting the information
about it required by a
committee!

We have been quiet this
last six weeks but we
are doing quite enough
this warm weather

Trust your organs are well

Yours faithfully
A. P. Simmons



54 Malvern Street,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

July 28th 1911

Dear Dr. Peirce

Herewith I am forwarding the
papers relative to transfer
of my son to Burley Asylum.

I am enclosing them intact
knowing that you will be
kind enough to deal with
them as they require to be dealt
with.

I received a form from
Dr. Gilmore this morning
which I have filled up and
returned to him by the
same post.

I suppose you

will arrange with Dr. Gilmore
the details of removal, as to when
and how.

Again thanking you
I am Dear Sir

Yours Very truly
John Varty

LUNACY COMMISSION,

66, Victoria Street, S.W.

24. July 1911 .

SIR,

I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to inform you
that their consent to the transfer of Mr. *Ernest Varty*
from your care to *Penlegh Park* ^{Asylum} ~~House~~ has been given on
condition that the Patient be accompanied, during the removal, by
at least two efficient and responsible persons.

I am,

SIR,

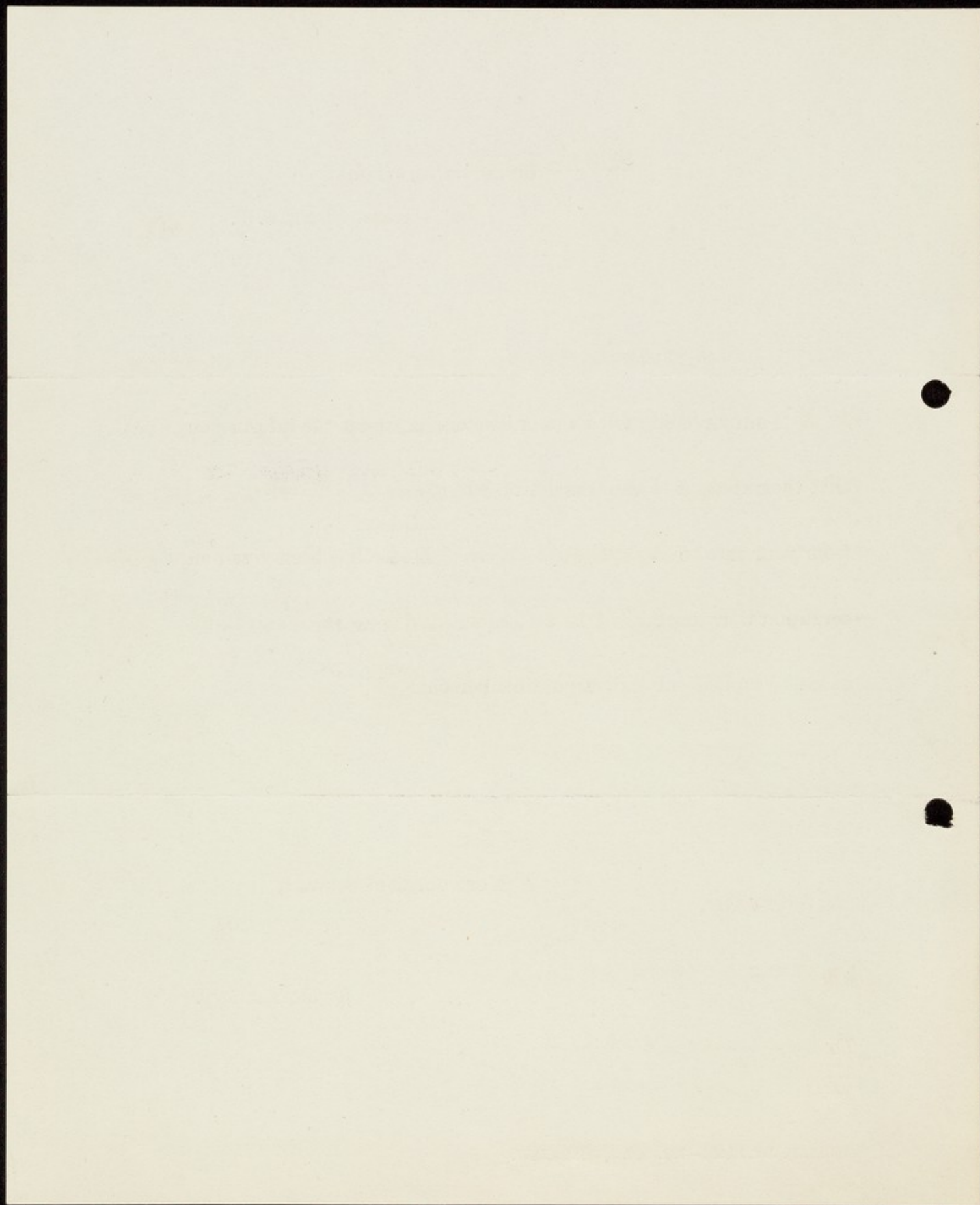
Your obedient Servant,

W. Finley

for the Secretary.

To the Medical Officer
the Retreat

York



Ernest Varty

July 22, 1911

Sir,

In reply to your enquiry, Mr. Ernest Varty is still insane and is in a fit mental and bodily condition for transfer to another Institution. He is neither suicidal nor dangerous, but is likely to seek for an opportunity to escape.

Yours faithfully

The Secretary,

Commissioners in Lunacy

LUNACY COMMISSION,

66, Victoria Street, S.W.

21st. July 1911 .

Sir,

I write, on behalf of the Commissioners in Lunacy, to inquire whether

Mr.

Ernest Varley

is still insane, and in a fit mental and bodily condition for transfer to another Institution.

Is this patient either suicidal or dangerous, or inclined to be so?

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. Finley

for the Secretary.

The Medical Officer

The Patient.

Yours

form for filling up. and will
Communicate with you on
receipt.

again thanking you for
your kindness

I am yours very truly

Warts

54 Malvern Street,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

July, 22 - 1911

Dear Dr Pierce

I am very much obliged
indeed for your kind letter
re my son.

Your suggestion about a
motor car, when he has to
be removed is Excellent and
will avoid trains and Stations
and these I was dreading.

Mrs Warts and I spent 2
hours with him on June 21st
and he was in Excellent Mood
and conversed about any thing
and every thing without any

Trace of delusion. until we
touched upon the subject of
Sniffing & Sneezing, and then
he would make out that it
was done to annoy him, and
if ^{we} would see that. Every one ~~of~~
left that off he was all right
but as you remark he cannot
see any reason why he should
be locked up for that, and his
sole desire is to get home.
It was his excellent behaviour
that prompted our question
about his coming home with
an attendant; we however
quite appreciate your reply
to that.

I have applied to the
Commissioners for the needed

AND

6, PARK SQUARE,
LEEDS.
BY APPOINTMENT.

TUESDAY, } 1.30 TO 4 P.M.
FRIDAY }

TELEPHONE { YORK N° 1112.
LEEDS N° 391X.

THE RETREAT
YORK.

July 19, 1911

Dear Mr. Varty,

I think it very possible that a complete change of scene may be beneficial to your son, and, therefore, I do not think you need hesitate in making a change. The course to take is quite simple. You write to the Commissioners in Lunacy, 66 Victoria St., London, W., and ask for their consent to the transfer; and they will send you the necessary papers for you to sign. We can arrange, quite easily, for the removal. It is probably simplest, and least expensive, to hire a motor, and go direct, by road.

With regard to your enquiry as to whether he could go home, and have some one to look after him, my feeling is that any one attempting supervision under such circumstances would have, practically, no control over him, and there is no middle course between Institution care and freedom to go about as he likes. It is quite possible that the latter course may not result in any immediate trouble, but, in my opinion, his mental state is such that, sooner or later, there would be trouble, and that a return to Institution care would become inevitable.

He has not exhibited any dangerous symptoms here, except recently, when he made a violent attack on an attendant, with a view to escaping; yet he has never shown any signs of understanding the gravity of the circumstances which preceded his admission to the Retreat; and, in other respects, there are no proper signs of improvement, and, under the circumstances, I, certainly, could not say he might not become dangerous again.

I must thank you for your kind references to our care of him,

and remain,

Yours very truly,

THE RETIRED
YOUNG

July 10, 1911

Dear Mr. [Name]

I am very pleased that a committee has been
formed to study the problem of the retired young.
The committee has been organized and is now
in the process of collecting data. I am sure
that the committee will be able to make a
thorough study of the problem and will be able
to make a report to the [Organization] in the
near future.

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be able to make a report to the [Organization]
in the near future.

discharge all demands when the transfer
has been carried out. and you then feel
me. what is due, you will no doubt allow
some one to take him to Burley. as they
will be more likely to have influence over
him than a stranger would

I am dear Sir

Yours sincerely J. Parry

P.S. I have addressed this to you. not knowing whether
Mr Pearce was home.

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54 Malvern Street,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

July 17. 1911

Dear Sir

On your kind recommendation
Mr Parry and I went to see Burley
Institution. and found every
thing in keeping with your
report of it. and as it has
become necessary to remove my
son. we have decided to transfer
him to Burley.

It is almost as painful to do
this as it was to send him
from home in the first instance
we have been so pleased with
your kind treatment, and the

interest - you have taken, that only the absolute necessity induces us to take this step.

Will you as a further kindness instruct us how, and what to do with regard to his removal, and also say if you would advise us to tell him that he is being removed to another institution, because the Commissioners will not allow us to take him home direct from the Retreat. & they must see what another place will do to restore him, and that he will then have a better chance to get home.

Could you counsel our bringing him home and have some one to look after him, you have a better knowledge from your nearly three years observation as to the feasibility of this than we can have, and therefore we must be guided by you. (that is of course supposing we would be allowed to bring him home) we further suppose we would only be allowed, on your certifying that in your opinion he was not dangerous

I have your apc for last Quarters disbursements, and present Quarters board, I shall

if it will be convenient
to you.

We think it will be
on Wednesday. During
the forenoon, but do not
think it would be well to
say any thing to him about
the test. for fear any thing
comes in the way to prevent
us coming

I am dear Sir
yours truly
Marky-

54 Malvern Street,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

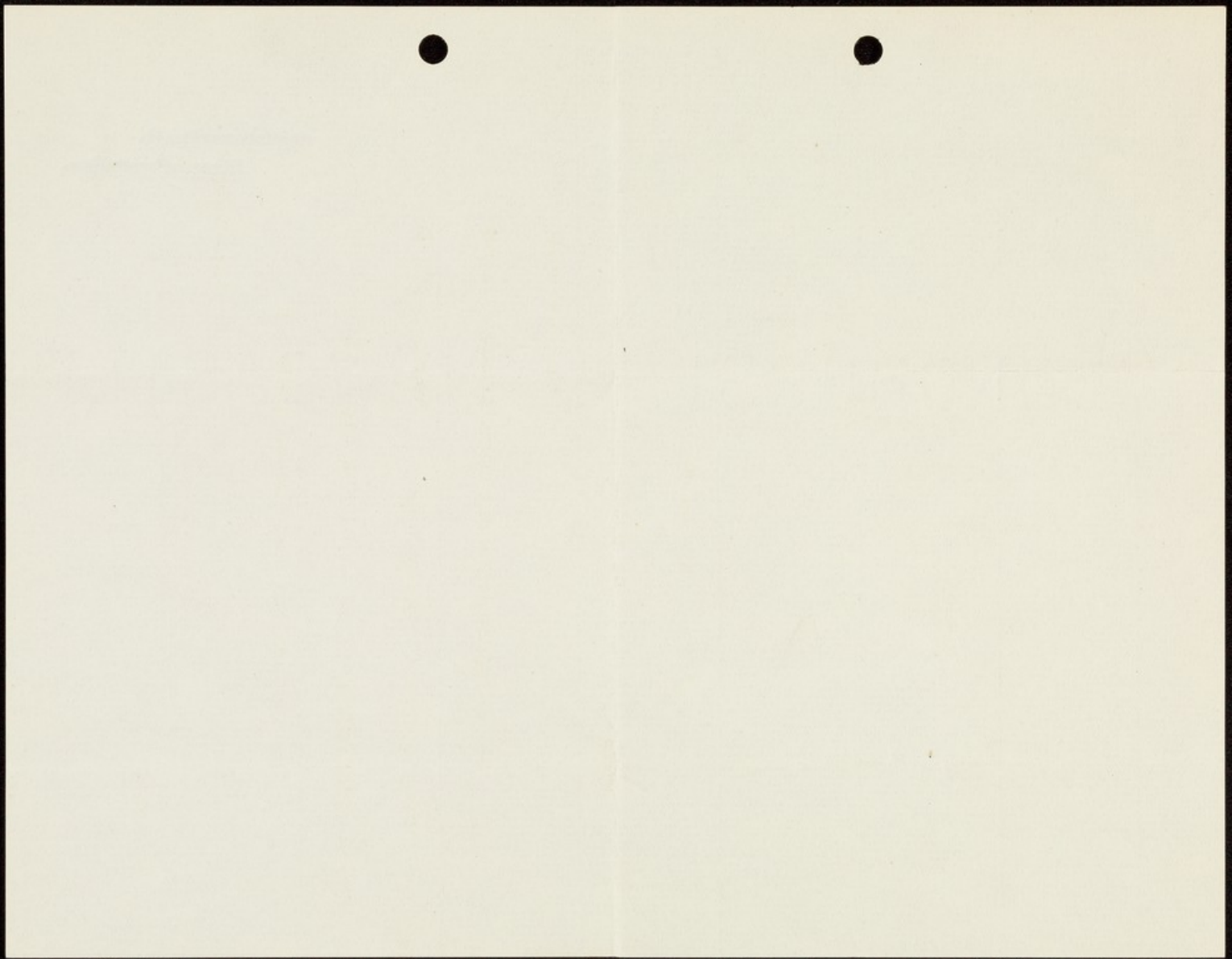
June 21 - 1911

Dr. Bedford Pierce

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find
Cheque £34. 8. 6. I regret
the delay in remitting
and trust no inconvenience
has been caused thereby.

It is our purpose to try
and visit our son some
time during the coming
week, and would like
a little conversation with
you on the occasion



June 8, 1910

Dear Sir,

I cannot report any improvement in Mr. Varty.

He seems still quite unable to realise the justice of his being under care. He appears to hear voices, and often speaks to himself when there is nobody near, saying "go away you devils" etc.

The outlook seems to me very unfavourable.

Yours very truly,

ОБЪЕМ
ИЗДАНИЯ

PATZOLD & VARTY,

60, Grey Street,

Newcastle-on-Tyne,

June 6th 1910TAILORS,
NAT. TEL.
No. 2159 CENTRAL

To Dr Bedford Pearce

The Retreat

York

Dear Sir

I am sorry that I have caused you to write for this. you will notice that the Cheque was made out, to send in April 21. unfortunately, we have not been able to get money in, all going out, hence the delay.

I have not had any report for some time now as to your opinion of my sons case I shall be pleased if you will kindly favor me with it ~~from~~ when you send receipt.

For some time we thought from his letters that there was great improvement manifested, but the one to hand this

Morning does not sustain that idea.

yours very truly

Warton

~~PATZOLD & VARTY,~~

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~~66, Grey Street,~~ 54 Malvern St

Newcastle-on-Tyne,

January 27 1900

TAILORS.
NAT. TEL.
No. 2159 CENTRAL.

To Dr Bedford Pierce

The Retreat

York

Dear Dr Pierce

I got the quarterly a/c a few days ago. there was not however on this occasion, any report on my Son's mental Condition.

May I ask if you can see any signs of improvement, from many of his letters home, we have thought there was a decided change. then we have got perhaps one or two in succession, where he has shown that he was not clear of his old delusion viz that people Cough, and make certain signs to annoy him in particular.

May I trouble you to give me your candid opinion, on his case, and also what your advice to me would be. and I am yours very truly
J Varty

P.S. I have been purposing for weeks to come and see my Son, but somehow have not been able to manage it.

PATSON & VARTY.

TALLOP

E Varty
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Sept. 30 -

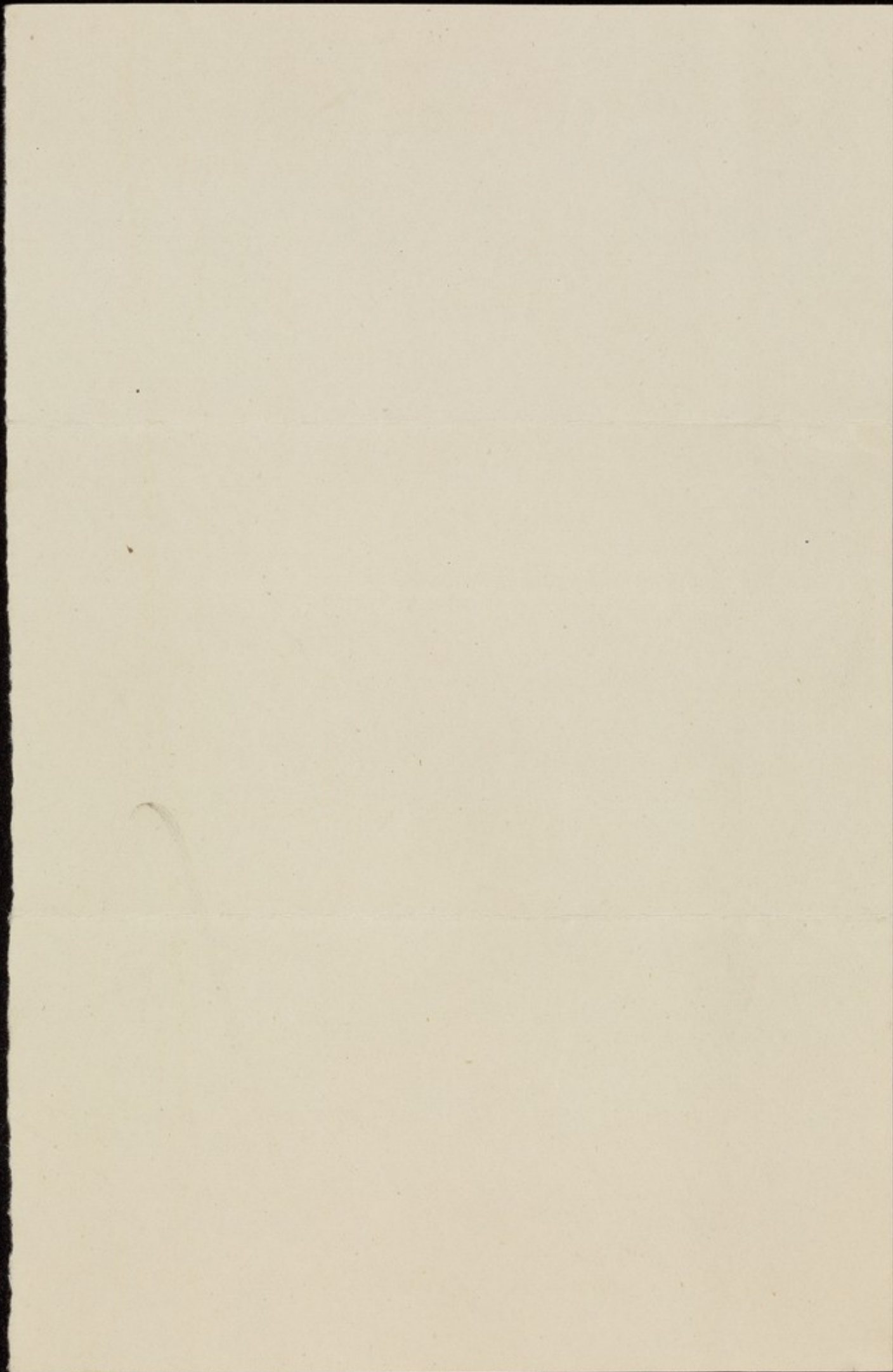
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Less Tobacco
deducted from Varty
money

1. 0 1

33 8 10



TAILORS,
NAT. TEL.
No. 2159 CENTRAL.

J Varty
PATZOLD & VARTY,

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~~60, Grey Street~~ 54 Malvern Street

Newcastle-on-Tyne,

Nov 8th 1909

To Dr Bedford Pierce

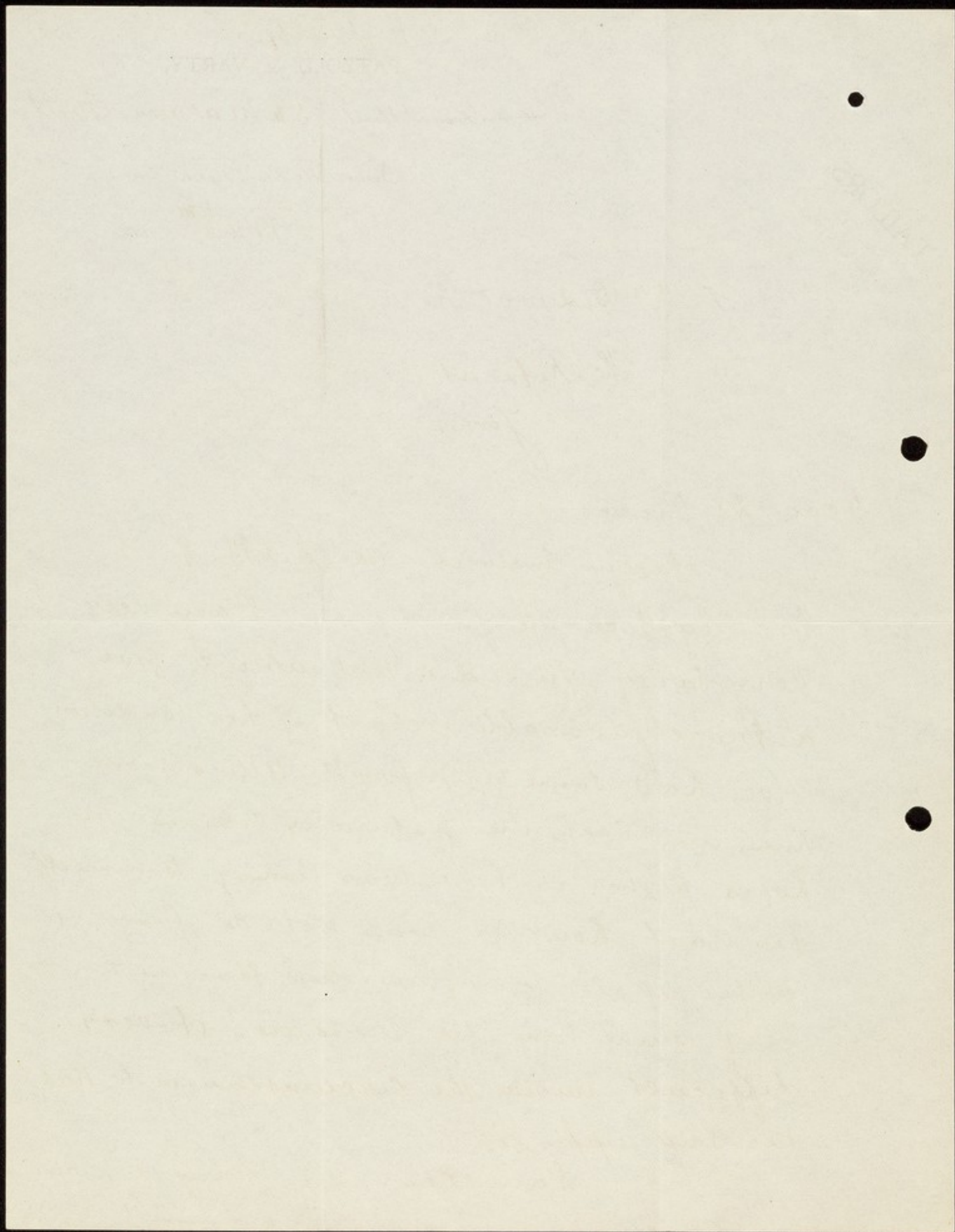
The Retreat
York.

Dear Dr. Pierce

I am herein enclosing cheque £3. 8. 3
for Quarters etc, for my Son. I am very
very sorry you are not able to give
a more favorable report of his Condition.

We had some very good letters from
him, and each one naturally raised our
hopes higher that he was coming to himself
his last however was not so good, it
quite upset us again, thus showing how
very uncertain the signs are. it is very
difficult under the circumstances to keep
the stiff upper lip.

I am Dear Sir yours very truly
J Varty



TAILORS,
NAT. TEL.
No. 2159 CENTRAL.

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PATZOLD & VARTY,

60. Grey Street,

Newcastle-on-Tyne,

Aug 9 1909

To Dr McKenzie

The Retreat

Dear Dr McKenzie

I have a letter this morning from my son saying that he is sending all his clothes home will you kindly instruct the attendant to use his discretion as to what he allows to come.

He says also that you have given him leave to have his Bicycle sent through, is that so? It is some ~~some~~ weeks ago since he asked for it, we did not send it as we thought you would inform us if it had to be sent, he returns to that also this morning.

What is your opinion of his case. can you hold out any more hope of his recovery he

seems to be chafing more than ever about being shut up
and tells us if it continues much longer it will send
him out of his mind, at present he is sound both
in mind and body, according to his idea.

You state in your quarterly report. "mental condition
unchanged". "bodily health good". never troublesome
or violent. Sometimes noisy at night, what does
that mean Doctor. is it wandering about; or shouting
or what.

would you recommend my coming to see him
soon. I have not been since Christmas, and it
seems time I saw him again, naturally, I dread the
ordeal, but must not shrink from it. if you think
I should come.

Kind regards

Yours very truly J Varty

57 Malvern Street.

Newcastle on Tyne

March 14th 09

Dr Peeree

Dear Sir

Some four weeks ago you kindly wrote to Dr Lyle about my son, it was then suggested that he should come through and see him and have a consultation with you about his case. I rung up Dr Lyle last evening - and he said he would write you about making an appointment for the incoming week - by the bye I have not had any report from you since I wrote after being to see Dr Lyle a month ago - after his receipt of your letter to him. My son's

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letters home latterly have been on the whole an improvement on his previous ones, leading us to hope that he was improving, but of course one cannot form much opinion apart from medical testimony.

You have kindly allowed him to meet Mr. Dodds on his way through York - and Mr. Dodds seems to think he has vastly improved between the time of his last seeing him at the Retreat and meeting him at York Station on Friday last - but of course that is a layman's opinion. May I trouble you to drop me a line to say what your findings are.

If you arrange for a visit by Dr Lyle I will see him afterward and get what report you are he

deem best for me to know
with kindest regards and
many thanks for your kindness
I am yours Sincerely
— Harry

NAT. TEL. 83 JESMOND.
AT HOME 1 TO 3. 5 TO 7.

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34, JESMOND ROAD,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

16th Mar. 1909

Dear Dr Pierce

Thank you very
much for your kind
letter. I shall be
delighted to lunch
with you on Saturday
at - 1-30 -

I hope to go to York
in time to see Varty

before lunch -

With kind regards

Yours very truly
Thomas Fyle

NEW YORK
JAN 10 1900

NAT. TEL. 83 JESMOND.
AT HOME 1 TO 3. 5 TO 7.

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34, JESMOND ROAD,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

13th March 1909

Dear Dr Pierce

Mr. Varty has telephoned me today to remind me, I promised to go down to York & consult with you about his son.

Would this day week, Saturday the 20th inst be convenient to you -

Kind regards
Yours faithfully
Thomas Kyle.

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May 12 1907

Dear Sir,

I am sorry that there has been some confusion with regard to your son's account. The balance brought forward should have been $\frac{11}{16}$ not taking into account the £8. 14. 6 which Mr. Elvay had with him - You will see that you deducted $\frac{11}{16}$ from the December statement.

The amount advanced for tobacco &c shall in future be deducted before sending you the account. As matters stand now there is a difference of 2/- which I will consider the charge for tobacco this time - thus leaving

The extra cash at £8. 12. 6 -
I append an abstract of the account in the ledger which will make the matter quite plain I think -

Debit Oct 22 to Dec 31.	24. 0. 0
Credit	3. 0. 9
Debit to Jan 31.	31. 4. 0
Credit	2. 7. 11
Debit to June 30	31. 4. 0
	<hr/> 91. 16. 8

Cash Nov 25.	31. 4. 0
Feb 11.	26. 7. 3
May 12.	34. 1. 5
	<hr/> 91. 14. 8

Yours faithfully
W. E. Waller.

J. Varty Esq.

Dear Sir,
 I am sorry that the day
 been some confusion with regard
 to your bank account. The balance
 brought forward should have been £10
 but taking into account the £8. 10. 6
 which Mr. Galt had not been -
 for me as that you deducted £10
 from the balance statement.
 The amount advanced for tobacco &
 there is future to be deducted before
 sending you the account. As I have
 been told about there is a difference
 of £1 which I have omitted the error
 for tobacco the time - thus leaving

May 12 1907

The other bank at £8. 10. 6 -
 I append an abstract of the account in
 the hope that it will make the matter
 quite plain about -

Bank at 12 & 10. 11.	£10. 0. 0
Bank	3. 0. 0
Bank at 10. 11.	31. 4. 0
Bank	2. 7. 11
Bank at 10. 11.	31. 4. 0
<u>Bank at 10. 11.</u>	<u>91. 16. 8</u>

£10. 0. 0	£10. 0. 0
31. 4. 0	31. 4. 0
31. 4. 0	31. 4. 0
<u>91. 16. 8</u>	<u>91. 16. 8</u>

Yours faithfully
 W. C. Galt

W. C. Galt

TAILORS.
NAT. TEL.
No. 2159, CENTRAL.

John Varty

PATZOLD & VARTY,

60, Grey Street,

Newcastle-on-Tyne.

May 11th 1909

To Dr. Redford Pearce

The Retreat

York

Dear Sir

If you can spare time to dictate a note I shall be pleased to have a few words from you saying how you find my son now. whether you can observe any improvement or otherwise in his Condition.

I got Dr Lyles report when he returned from visiting him. It did not raise ones hopes much, if at all, and some of his tellers home in the mean time have been moderate, others have been all that one could desire.

We had a letter on Saturday morning saying he had been removed to another part of the building and it has filled us with fear. we are therefore very anxious to know whether it shells good or bad.

I enclose cheque covering amount due at

31st March. and must apologize for being a bit
late with it. Somehow money seems almost
impossible to get hold of by business people
more especially in our line of life.

I am Dear Sir

Yours very truly
J Varty

May 12, 1909

Dear Sir,

Mr. Varty is rather more disposed to occupy himself usefully, but this is all I can say that is favourable.

The other day he wandered away with a view to escaping, but was at once missed and overtaken. In consequence of this I moved him to the other end of the Gentlemen's Lodge where the doors are locked, and this change seems to have been fairly successful and has not been resented so far as I know.

There is I fear no fundamental change for the better, and his condition remains much the same as when Dr. Lyle saw him.

Yours very truly,

J. Varty Esq.



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PATZOLD & VARTY,

60, Grey Street,

Newcastle-on-Tyne.

May 11th 1909

TAILORS.
NAT. TEL.
No. 2159, CENTRAL.

To Mr Waller

The Retreat.

York

Dear Sir

I am Enclosing Cheque ^{in a letter to St Pierce} £34. 1. 5 Covering amount of a/c as rendered and must apologize for not having sent it sooner.

I note you have a balance of 9/6, I don't quite understand that item but have no doubt it is right: only, I thought you might have misunderstood my last letter to you when remitting, you may remember that I asked you to hold the money my Son had in his pockets when admitted, and sent the Cheque Covering that amount, and asked you if not too much trouble, to debit him with the Tobaccoes he uses, and boots soleing or mending, I wanted this done to give him some interest

in his money. if the 9/6 is part of the amount.
I deducted for that purpose, then the amount should
be 11/6 - that is 7/6 Tobacco and 4/- for Shoemaker

If it is going to cause you any trouble please dont
do so it wont make any difference in the long run.

I thought I had better just Enclose the Statement
of last quarter you can return it when you send
receipt.

yours very truly,
J Varty

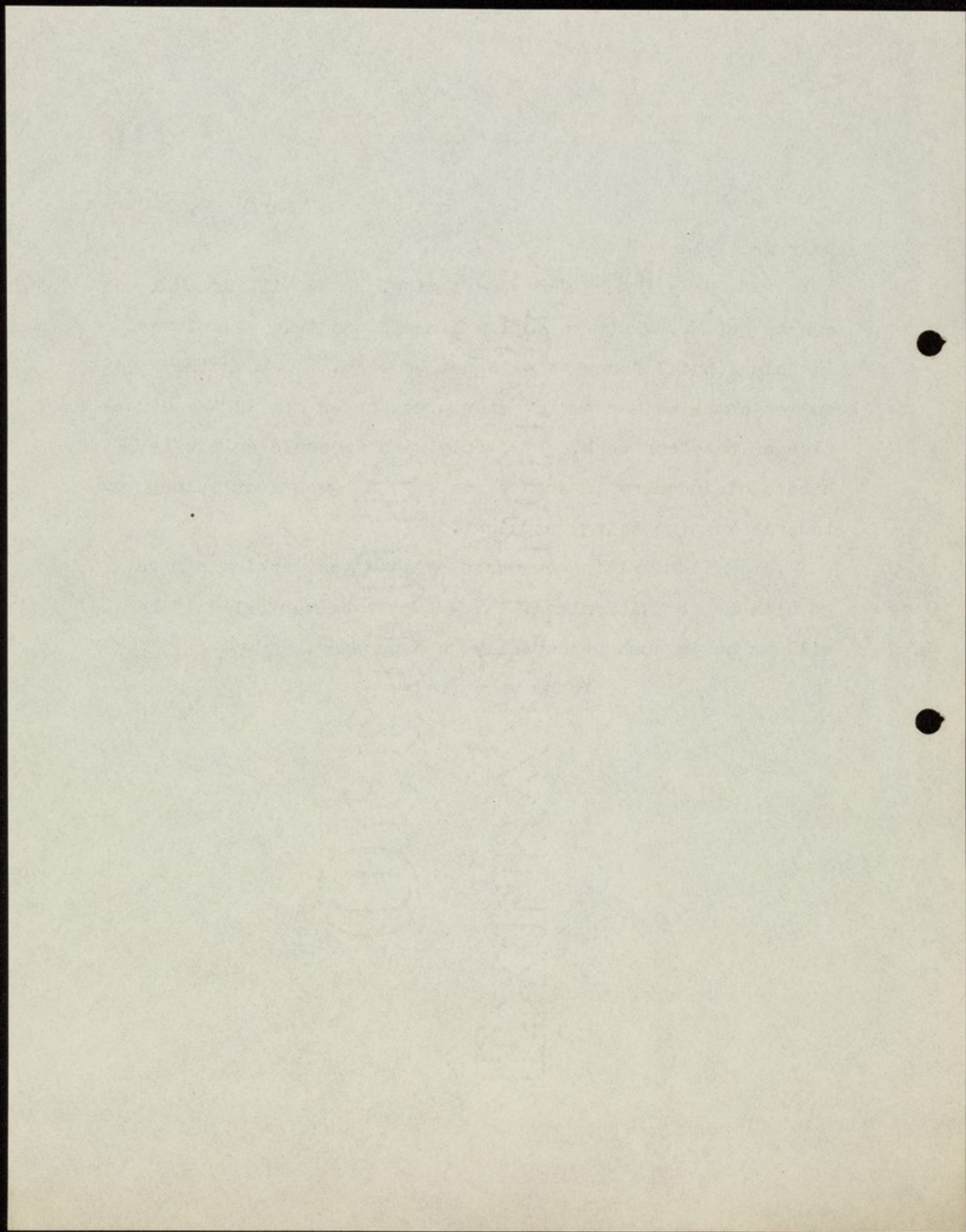
March 29, 1909

Dear Dr. Lyle,

Many thanks for your letter. We will do what we can to get Mr. Varty to employ himself and take an interest in things, but I fancy it will not be easy. When the summer comes we may put greater pressure on him in the direction of out-door work. I only wish we could cultivate habits of industry in such cases. It goes such a long way towards keeping things straight.

I am writing to Green by this post asking him to go with us to Switzerland. We shall be very glad if he will as he is such wonderfully good company.

Yours very truly,



NAT. TEL. 83 JESMOND.
AT HOME 1 TO 3. 5 TO 7.

34, JESMOND ROAD,

✓ NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

28th Mch 1909.

Dear Dr. Pierce

M^r. & M^{rs} Varty

● have called on me &
discussed the case of their
son, they have decided to let-
him stay with you for the
present. I told them, you
& I had gone very carefully
into his case, and we could
not recommend his discharge,
but if they took the responsibility
& wished him out; you would
not stand in the way, this
they declined to do, I
told them he was not-

of sound mind, and
that the Prognosis was
not-favourable.

Should they get-tired of
paying for him, or unable to
do so at your charge, they
will look for a cheaper
place, but-they woul send
him to Bootland.

Thanks very much for
your kindness to me &
allow me to thank R. M.
Pierce also for her kindness.

Kind regards,
Yours truly
Thomas Kyle

54 Malvern Street
Newcastle on Tyne
July 10th 09

Dear Dr. Pierce

If it will not be too much trouble to Mr Waller, I should prefer him to keep a separate acc of the money found in my Sons pockets, and debit him with any tobacco, or book mending, and at times present him with a Bill showing him how he stands with respect to that money, which he looks upon as his own, therefore instead of taking Credit for it. I am herewith enclosing a cheque covering that amount namely £26. 9. 3.

I have seen Dr. Lyle this Evening, he is writing you, We have decided that he come through to the Retreat in about a months time. I happened at the time to have one or two of my Sons latest letters in my pocket, which I showed Dr. Lyle, and he was not favorably impressed with them, but doubtless he will report better than I can upon our conversation.

My daughters visit on Friday was wonderfully pleasant. Considering the situation, and she had been able to discuss things with him that he would not discuss with either his Mother or I when we were through.

I am dear Sir
Yours very truly Warty

P.S.

I don't see any direct charge for Mr. Smith coming through to Newcastle. may I take it that it is included in items under "Sundries per head attendant;" if not, then, it will be chargeable in next Statement.

Yours &c Warts-

NAT. TEL. 83 JESMOND
AT HOME 1 TO 3. 5 TO 7.

34, JESMOND ROAD,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

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Feb. 9th 1909

Dear Dr. Pierce

Thank you very
much for your letter re-
Mr. Varty.

I have had an interview
with his Father today
& he showed me two
letters they have had from
your patient. One of them
is addressed to his Father &
it consists of three words,
"I hate you" The other
letter is clearly that of
an unsound brain.

I quite agree with you
he does not realize his position,
or responsibilities of life. He
is also absolutely indifferent
to the interests of his relatives.
I quite think he has hallucination
of hearing. It is just the kind of
patient who might murder
his father on a sudden impulse.
His father is very much
pleased with the Retreat
and says he will strive to
pay for him for the present -
& would not like to remove
him to any other place.
He says he would like

me to go through to
York in the course
of a month's time and
discuss the case with you
In the meantime they
will pay for him. I
feel quite sure from
your letter he is not fit
for discharge.

I saw him in Consultation
with the family Doctor
about 11 months ago, but
I consider he is worse now,
but even at that time I
thought he had some
secret delusions

Yours very truly
Thomas Kyle.

Feb. 6, 1909

Dear Dr. Lyle,

I ought to have written to you before about Mr. Varty but neglected to do so. However there is not much time lost as the patient has not made any satisfactory move towards convalescence. The case is altogether an unsatisfactory one. Varty does not give us much trouble and he occupies himself in a casual way and reads the papers, but he entirely fails to realise the responsibilities of life. He is totally indifferent to the interests of his relatives, says he hates his father, and certainly shows no disposition to work. We do not elicit any evidence of hallucinations of hearing, but I should not be surprised if he has them all the time. The practical difficulty is to know what to do about him. He is not fit to leave, and the expense of his remaining is I believe a serious matter, and if they cannot rightly afford to keep him here one would think the sooner he is transferred the better. There are very few overt symptoms of mental disorder and the question has arisen in my mind whether he should have a trial away from care to see whether he would bestir himself. I do not however feel inclined to advise this course, nor do I think his father wishes it as he fears there will be a return of more acute mental disturbance.

If it were possible for you to come to York to see Varty I should be very pleased to see you and then we could discuss what had better be done.

Yours very truly,

NAT. TEL. 83 JESMOND.
AT HOME 1 TO 3. 5 TO 7.

34, JESMOND ROAD,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

✓ 4th Feb. 1909

Dear Dr Pierce

Mr. Vartey of this
city, telephoned to me
yesterday to know if you
had written to me, as he
wanted to see me after I
had heard from you. as
I did not hear from you
this morning I thought
I had better write you
as he seemed to think
you had forgotten.

Kind regards
Yours truly
Thomas Lyle.

34 Westwood Road

Newcastle-on-Tyne

THOMAS DODDS,
SOLICITOR,
NATIONAL TELEPHONE NO 2935.

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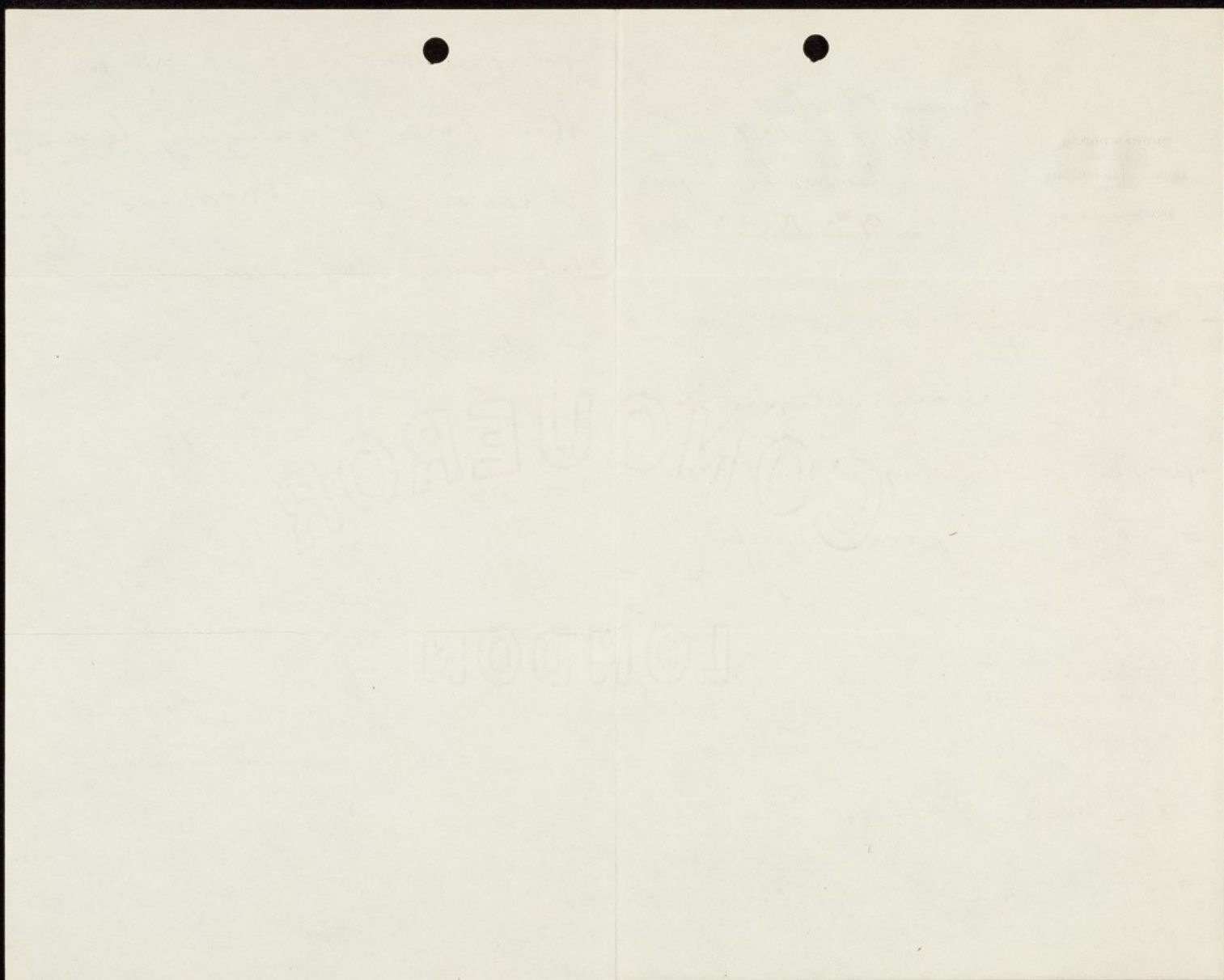
Emerson Chambers
Blackett Street
Newcastle on Tyne
9th Novr 1908

Dear Sir,

I am obliged for
your letter of the 7th inst
and am pleased to
learn therefrom that Mr
Ernest Varty is settling
much better. I have
seen his Father who
quite approves of my

proposed visit. I am
therefore arranging to come
through on Wednesday
afternoon unless you
instruct me by return
that that day is
inconvenient.

Yours very truly
Thomas Dodds



574 Malvern St

Newcastle on Tyne

Dec 23 08

To Dr Pierce

Dear Sir

I particularly wish to find you at the Retreat when I come, therefore feel obliged that you replied by return when you found you were to be away.

If it will not be an inconvenient day to you. I could come on Friday if it will. then I can arrange for either Saturday or Monday. perhaps you will kindly write which day will suit you best. So that I may know in time as the postal service is so very uncertain this week.

I cannot come tomorrow (Thursday) as things had to be arranged for tomorrow that should have been done today.

In a letter received

(1054)
this morning from my son he mentions that you have told him that I am to come and see him but he tells me frankly that unless it is to take him away he does not see any need for me to go the excuse of going to York.

I think it is the best letter we have received from him yet.

Either my wife or daughter will accompany me if you have not objection to their doing so.

I am Dear Dr Pierce

Yours very truly
Harley

Telegraphic address

Part - 60 Grey St
Newcastle

PATZOLD & VARTY,

60, Grey Street,

Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Dec 22nd 1908To D^r PierceThe Retreat York

Dear Sir

I am Endeavouring to Come tomorrow
(Wednesday) to see you. about my Son
will arrive at the Retreat-about 2.30.
I think it would be better to have a
consultation with you before seeing him
as I shall have to depend greatly upon your
advice in the matter.

I am Dear Sir

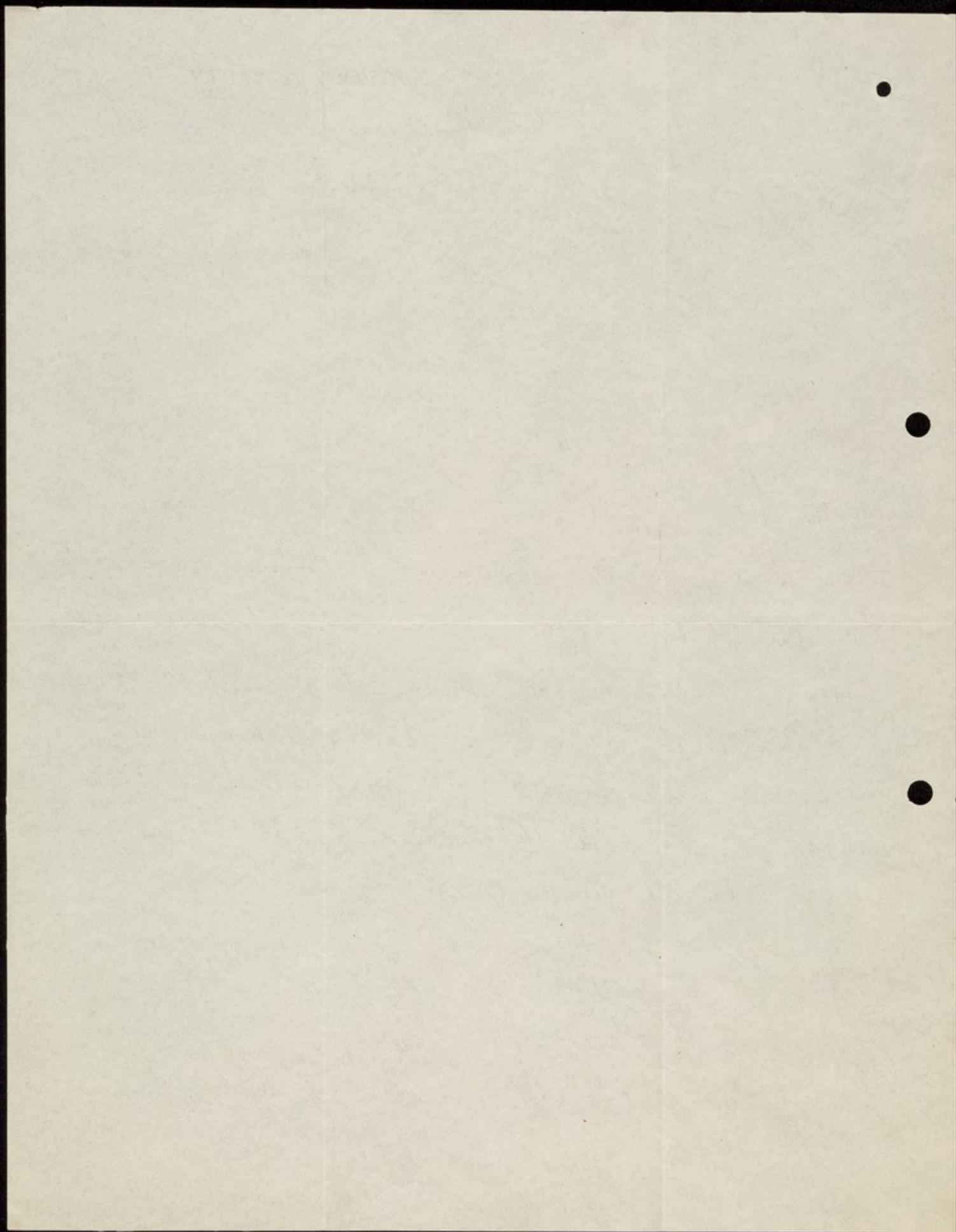
yours very truly

Varty

P.S.

I have not written my Son to say I am
coming.

TAILORS.
NAT. TEL.
No. 2159, CENTRAL.



54 Malvern Street.

Newcastle on Tyne

Dec 12 08

Dr Pierce

Dear Sir

I was much obliged for yours
of 25th November.

From your report therein I find
that my son is pursuing very much
the same course as he did at home
in being content to lay about the
Sofas &c. but he will of course
be different in the matter of
meals and sleeping, these will
be more regular, at times when
at home he would have his meals
when, where, & how he likes. the same
with regard to going to bed and
getting up.

I quite appreciate your advice

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for me to come thro. and have a straight-
forward talk with him, and would
have come ere this only I have
not been equal to it; naturally
one has been greatly upset; and
for some weeks now. I have been
so much tormented with palpitations
for one thing, and pain in the head for
another, that candidly I have been
afraid to venture. Knowing what
the ordeal will be.

I don't anticipate that he will
discuss the question with me, unless
there is a great improvement in his
condition, and some of his letters do
not lend much hope to that, while
others are all that one could desire.

I had a letter yesterday from
a friend who visited him on
Friday, and his opinion is that
I should come to York and see you
and my son sometime during
the coming week. I may say

that I have tried by writing to get him to discuss
his proceedings during the time he has been ill. (if we
may term it so). but he ignores my attempt
clearly showing that he has strength of will
when he likes, and that bears out what you
have reported to me of your findings, and all
going to show to me my mind the peculiarity of me case
In reply to my last letter, he replies as follows
and this was written on a separate slip of paper as
that it were an afterthought

= I have been thinking over my conduct of the last
two years - and think it has been beautiful, and
cannot think otherwise of it =

Will you please kindly tell me, ^{what} day would be
best for me to come through, and the best time
of the day to see you, and if I can possibly
manage I will come.

I think however it would not be well to tell
my son that I intend coming. So that if I do
find it impossible, no harm may be done

I should wish you whether coming or not

yours very truly

Walter

Dec. 14, 1908

Dear Sir,

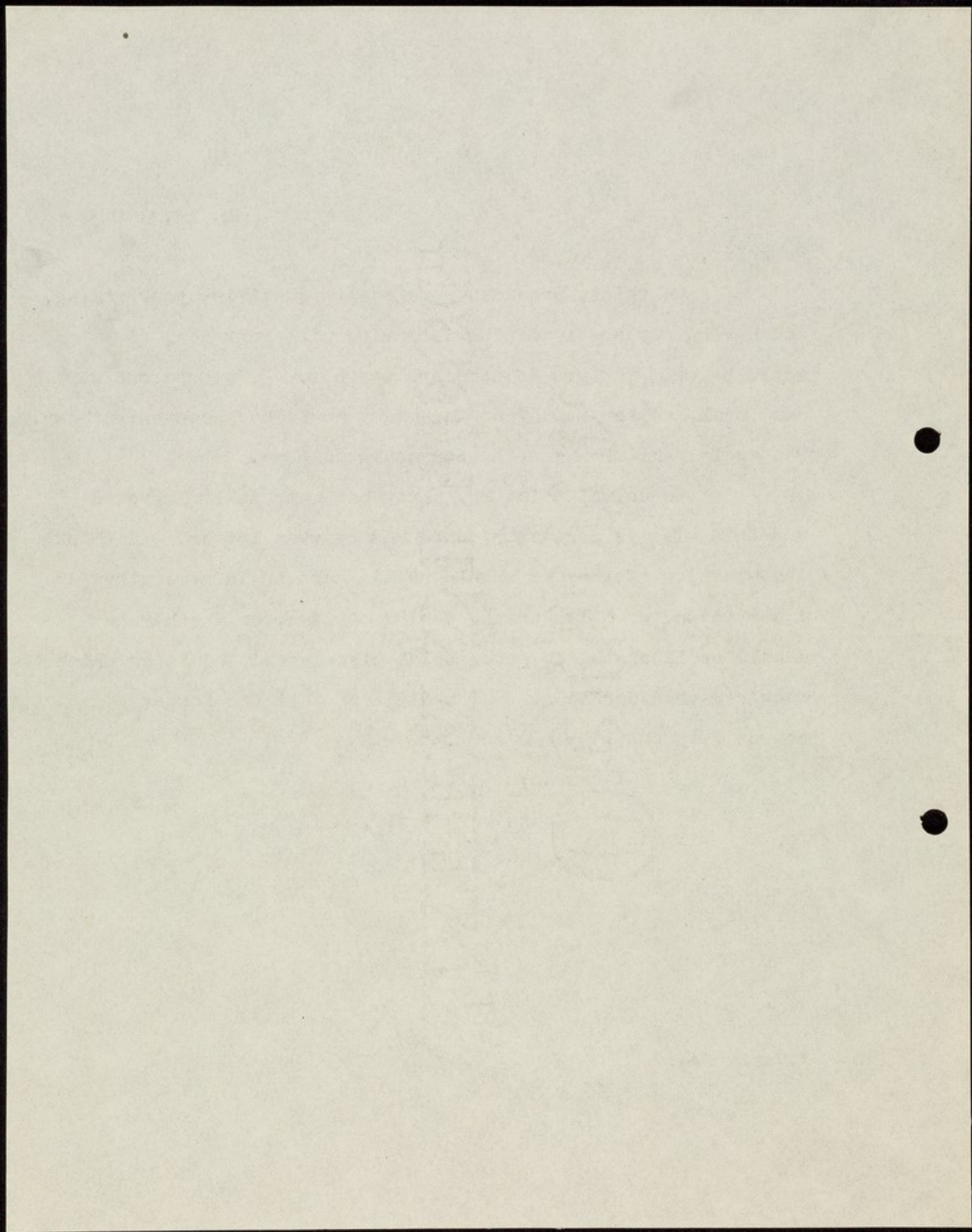
We think, provided your health justifies your coming, and having perhaps a painful interview with your son, it would be well for you to come and see him. Perhaps one day next week, either Monday or Wednesday would be a convenient day. The early part of the afternoon would suit me.

We do not think Mr. Varty has materially improved and this view is certainly confirmed by your letter. I think the question whether he should remain here or in some other institution for a lengthened period of time, or whether he should be liberated to go on trial elsewhere is a matter which requires consideration. I sadly fear that the former course is probably the wiser.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

J. Varty Esq.



THOMAS DODDS,
SOLICITOR.

NATIONAL TELEPHONE NO 2935.

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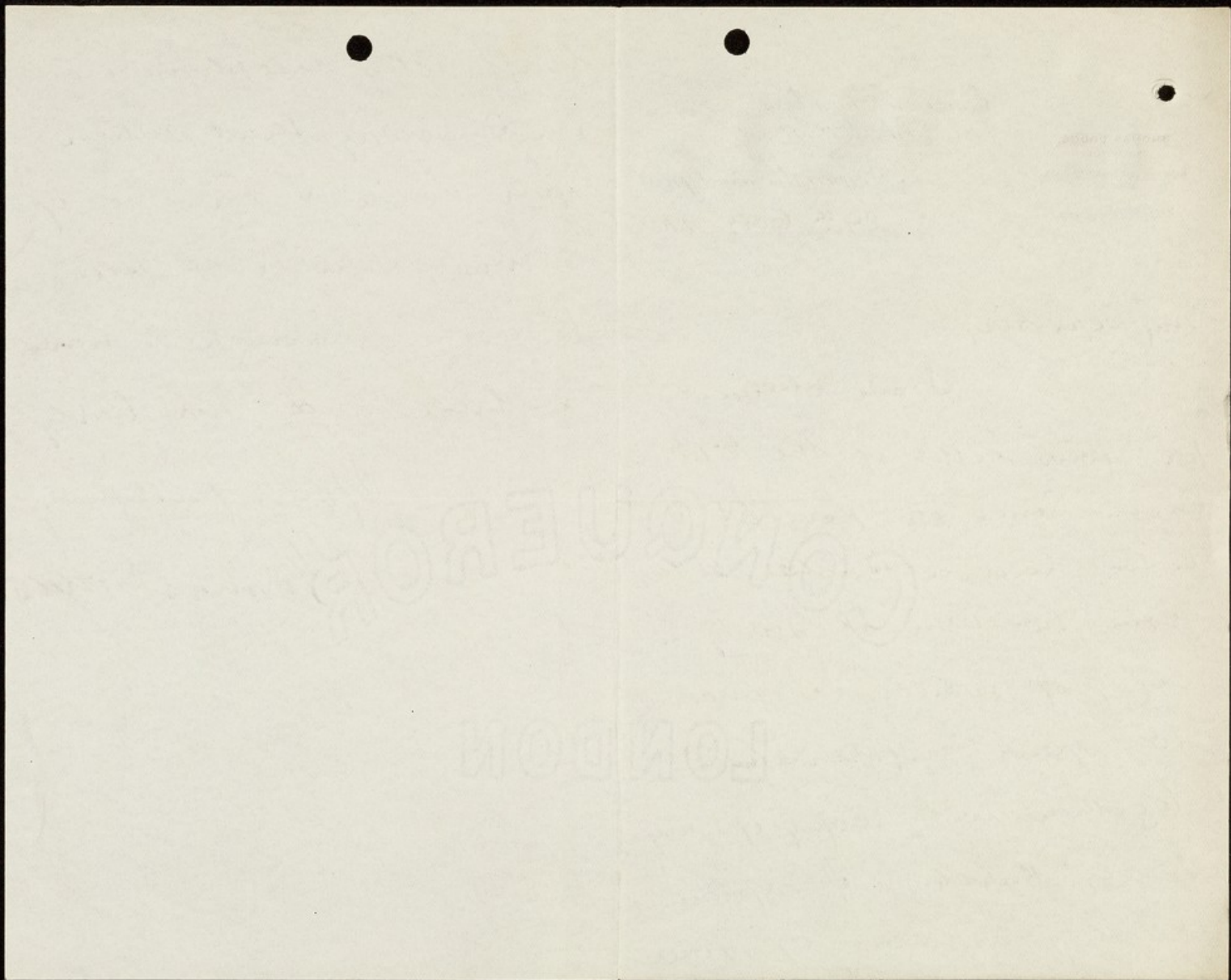
Emerson Chambers
Blackett Street
Newcastle on Tyne
29th Oct 1908

My Dear Sir,

I am obliged
for your letter of the 27th
inst. Since its receipt I
have had a further letter
from Mr Ernest Varty a
copy of which I enclose
for your information
together with copy of my
reply thereto. I explained
to the member of your

Staff. who telephoned me (880)
on Tuesday that when
you think I can be of
service, I will be pleased
to come through & have
a talk with Mr Varty

Yours faithfully
Thomas Dodds



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THOMAS DODDS,
SOLICITOR.
NATIONAL TELEPHONE NO 2935.

ENCLOSURE

Emerson Chambers
Blackett Street
Newcastle on Tyne
26th Oct 1908

My dear Sir,

I have today received a letter from my friend Mr Ernest Varty who is a Patient under your Charge at the Retreat. His letter is I suppose more in the nature of a communication to me as a Solicitor than as a friend for he asks me

to do ⁸⁴⁴ what I can to secure his release. I have written him fully in reply and you will I presume see the letter. I will gladly run through tomorrow & see him if I can be of any service in inducing him to quietly & patiently accept the situation & give strict attention to your orders. I know the whole of the facts

but he apparently thinks
otherwise. If you
think I can be of
any service I will
telephone or wire me
in the morning to come
through I will come
by the 12/30 Train which
will get me to the
Retreat about 2.30.

Yours faithfully
Thomas Dodds

54 Malvern Street
Bristol on Tue
Nov 23. 08

Dear Dr Pierce

I have Mr Walkers letter stating that the Committee have fixed the charge for my Son (Ewart) at 48/- per week and I am very much obliged indeed for their kind consideration. I feel however that my thanks are mainly due to yourself for this result - and I therefore respectfully tender you my thanks.

I am of course very anxious to have your special opinion of his case when you have time to write or dictate a letter to your Secretary for me

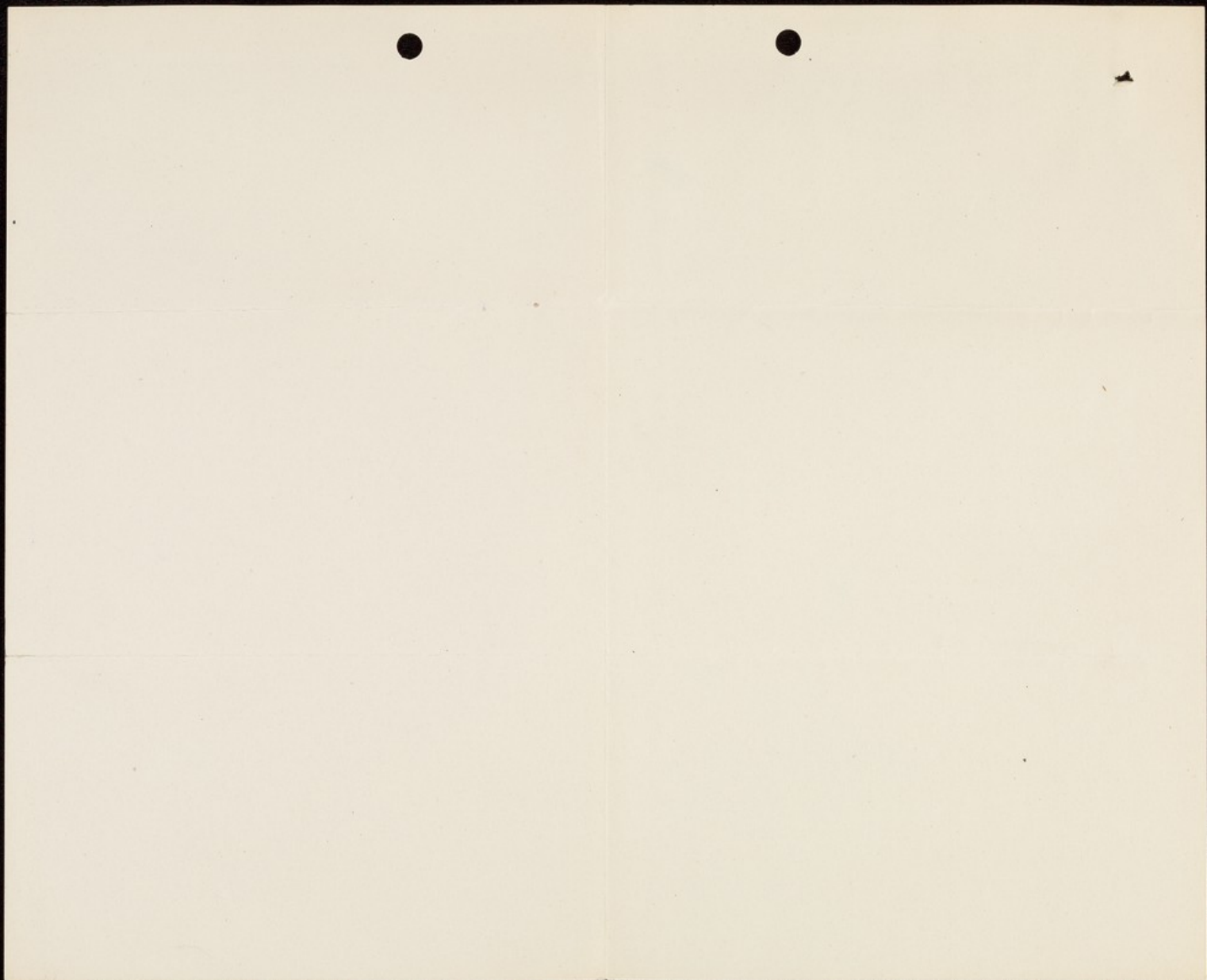
The bulk of his letters home are not those of a man devoid of his reason and it makes one wonder whether after all, we have been justified in confining him. and we are therefore very anxious to have your opinion

on that. Of course judging from what you have yourself formed. independent of the report to you

This whole complaint is that it is my fault that he is there at all and keeping him at the Retreat when there is no need for it. in one of his last letters he states that the Doctors don't seem to think there is much the matter with him, and that if I would say the word he would be released but not in any of his letters has he attempted to discuss any of the things that I have written to him, on his case; he ignores that part entirely, and that one thinks is not a very hopeful sign.

Thanking you in anticipation of
Yours

I am dear Dr Pierce
Yours very truly
Ewart



54 Malvern Street.
Newcastle on Tyne
✓ October 28. 08

Dear Dr Pierce

I received your kind letter yesterday. and wish to thank you very much for same.

It has naturally been a great-upset having to send our Son into an institution. and the thing most upsetting was the thought that for the most part he was as sane as any one. and sent into an institution where he would be thrown into Company with other poor Creatures perhaps much worse than himself would have a great tendency to make him worse. it was therefore a great relief to know that you had been so kind as to place him in the Gentlemen's Lodge.

Now Dr Pierce here comes our difficulty about Expenses.

We are prepared to make any Sacrifice for ^{our} Son's Comfort; and it was that thought that prompted us to petition

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to have him in the retreat, but we cannot at present see how we are to manage 63/. per week. will you kindly say for our guidance. what would be the difference in his treatment, between 48/. or 50/. your lowest and the 63/.

Last year was unfortunately a very indifferent one in business. and in consequence I did not average 75/- per week. So you see how great a strain it will be to manage the amount. but as I say we will make any & every sacrifice for him. There has been a little better prospect this year untill this month (October) and business is so very poor just now, that one feels afraid to engage to pay 63/., what can you suggest Doctor for our guidance under the circumstances.

He has written home to his brother to send him some tobacco and cigars. we are anxious to avoid doing any thing, but what we have your promise

to do, what do allow in that way,
do you have printed rules to send
to those responsible. if so. I shall
be pleased to have a copy.

One thing more. he may be inclined
to send letters to our customers
having more than once threatened that
he could soon ruin our business
would it be too much to ask that
any letters he writes be sent on
to us that we may post them
if they are all right-

Thanking you again so much
for your kindness

I am yours very truly
Warty

574 Malvern St

Newcastle on Tyne

October 24. 08

To Dr. Pierce

Dear Sir

Along with the Statement which I have filled up to the best of my ability I am sending a further history of the case. thinking it my duty to do so to enable you to treat him properly. No doubt he is a very highly strung young man. and many of the things he has done may be the result of that.

One thing I have not put on the statement, and that is, that in March this year he made a rather serious outbreak, and I got his then medical attendant to vest him along with a specialist Dr. Kyle of N.C. and they came to the conclusion

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that a good deal was due to his being a very highly strung nature,

Needless to say Doctor we are most anxiously waiting for a word from you, to say how things are going and to give us instructions as to our attitude. and if you can without transgressing your rules. give us a little ^{of your} opinion of his case. we shall be extremely grateful to you and it will comfort us somewhat, in this great trial that has come to us, no doubt you will be able to enter somewhat into our feelings

Thanking you in anticipation

I am Dear Dr. Pierce

Yours very truly
Harry

P.S.

I have sent a letter to my son by this ^{small} post will be he allowed to have it.

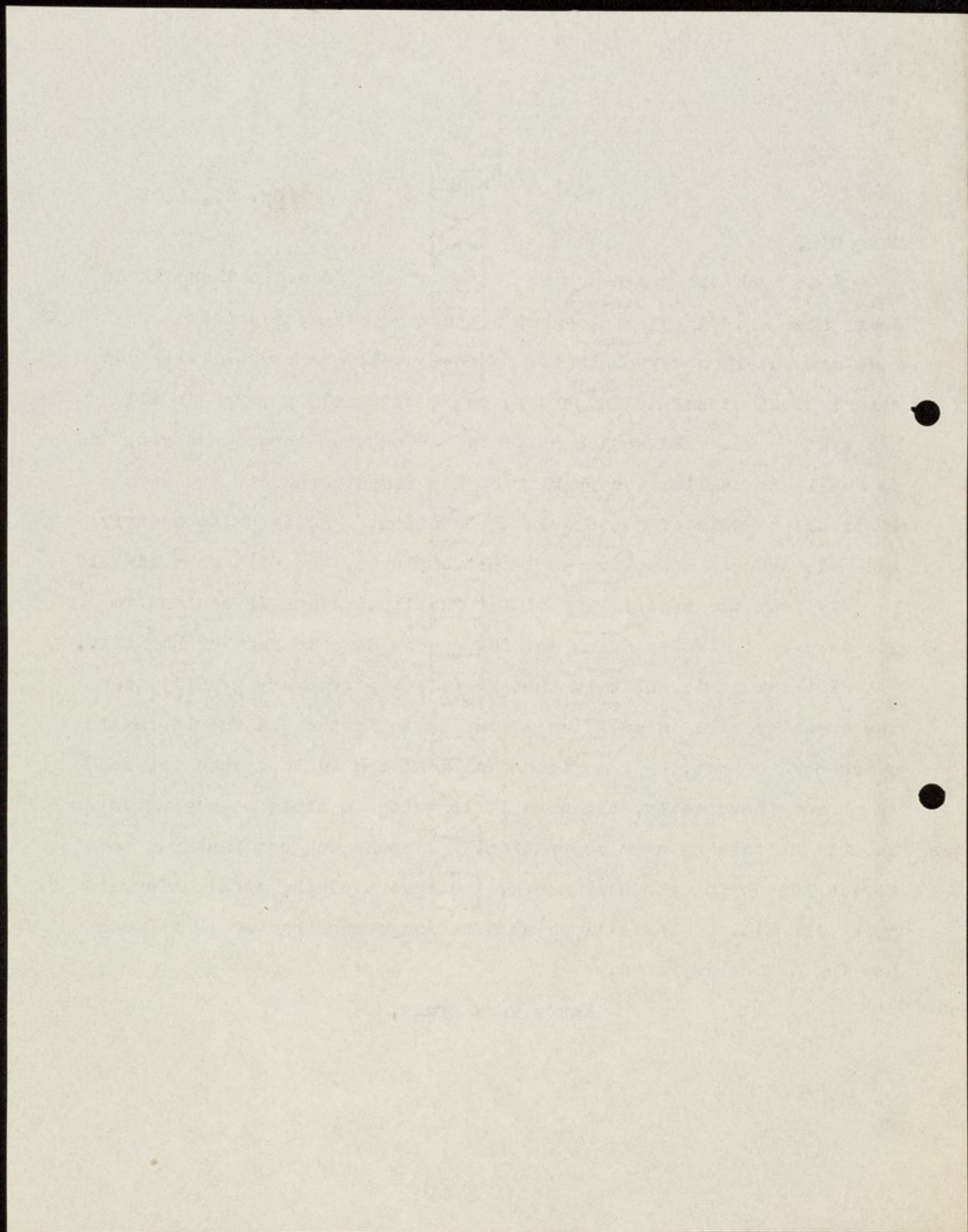
Nov. 25, 1908

Dear Sir,

I am much obliged for your letter of the 23rd. There is no doubt that Mr. Varty is somewhat better and his morbid ideas are more completely under control. Consequently he says little that clearly indicates mental disorder, being extremely guarded in all his statements. He denies entirely having ever threatened you, and is unable to realise the gravity of his recent conduct, and says it is all capable of reasonable explanation. He is quite orderly and well behaved here, but he is not employed, and withdraws himself largely from the social life of the institution and is content to lie down on the sofas doing nothing a considerable part of his time,

I think it is unlikely that he will improve very greatly, and the question will arise after a time as to whether he should remain under care or not. I must confess that the outlook does not seem to me very favourable, although it is quite possible he may again be able to take up some occupation. I would suggest that you come to see him during the next month, and have a plain, straightforward talk with him. You will be able to judge much better than I can how far he has improved.

Yours very truly,



Dear Sir,

At a recent meeting of
the Retreat Committee the terms
for Mr Ernest Katz were fixed
at £87 a week - I enclose
the usual account for payment
in advance -

Yours faithfully

W. E. Sadler

Secy.

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Dear Sir,

At a recent meeting of
the Patent Committee the terms
for the Grant have been fixed
at 10% a year - I enclose
the account of account for payment
in advance -

Yours faithfully
W. E. Adams
Secy.

Patent Office

Robert
and wife -
Borlham Park

TAILORS.
NAT. TEL.
No. 2159, CENTRAL.

PATZOLD & VARTY,

60, Grey Street,

Newcastle-on-Tyne.

October 17, 1908

To Medical Superintendent.

The Retreat. York

Dear Sir

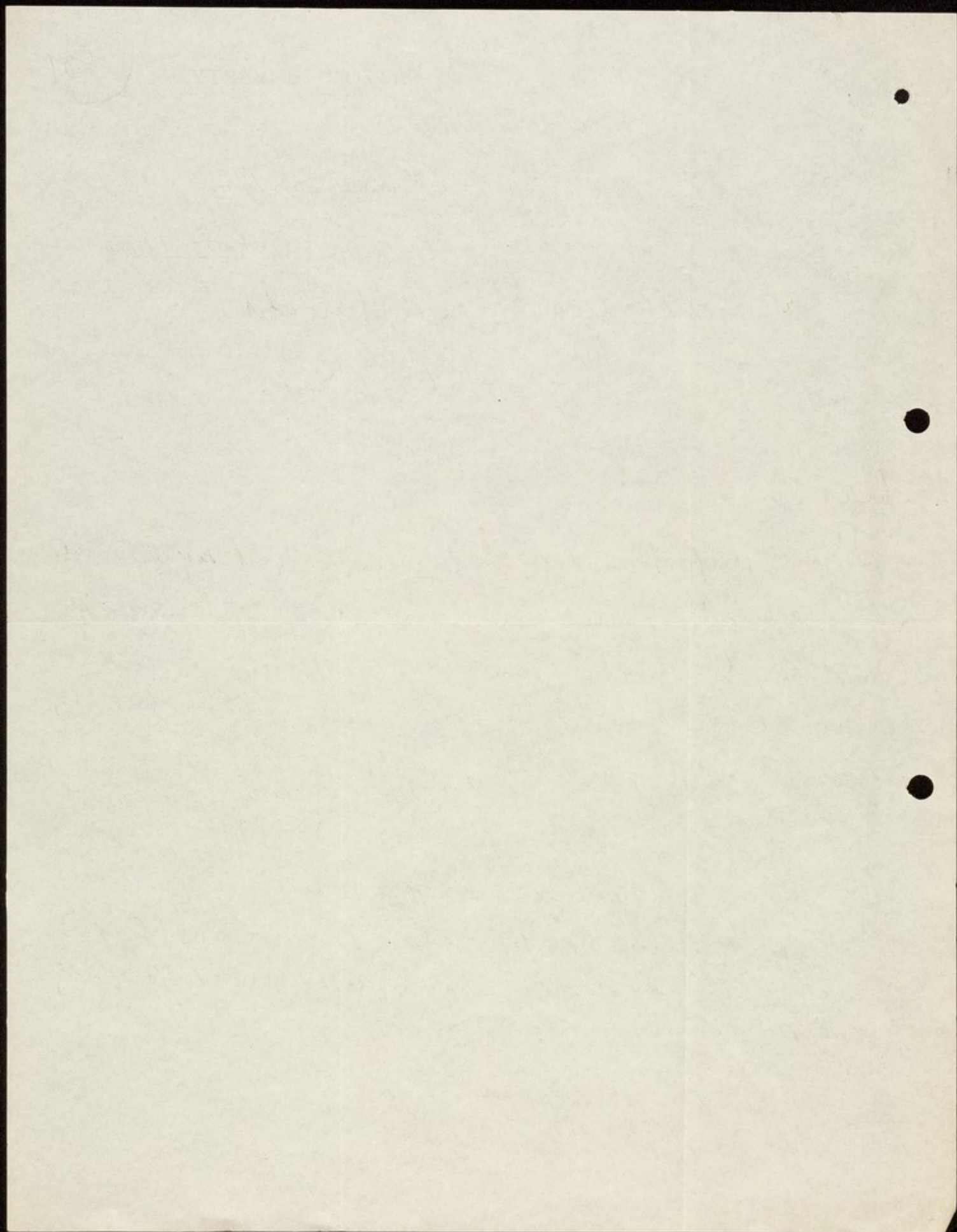
I am unfortunately Compelled to put my Son into
an institution, and am advised by Dr. Savage of
London to write you for particulars, and
terms, will you therefore kindly favor me by
return addressed Mr. Varty -

Patzold & Varty
Grey St.
Newcastle

He is 28 years of age, Single man,

I don't know what your terms are but
having Considered the matter most Carefully
I think I could manage 30/- per week. I am
stating to save time.

Yours very truly
Varty



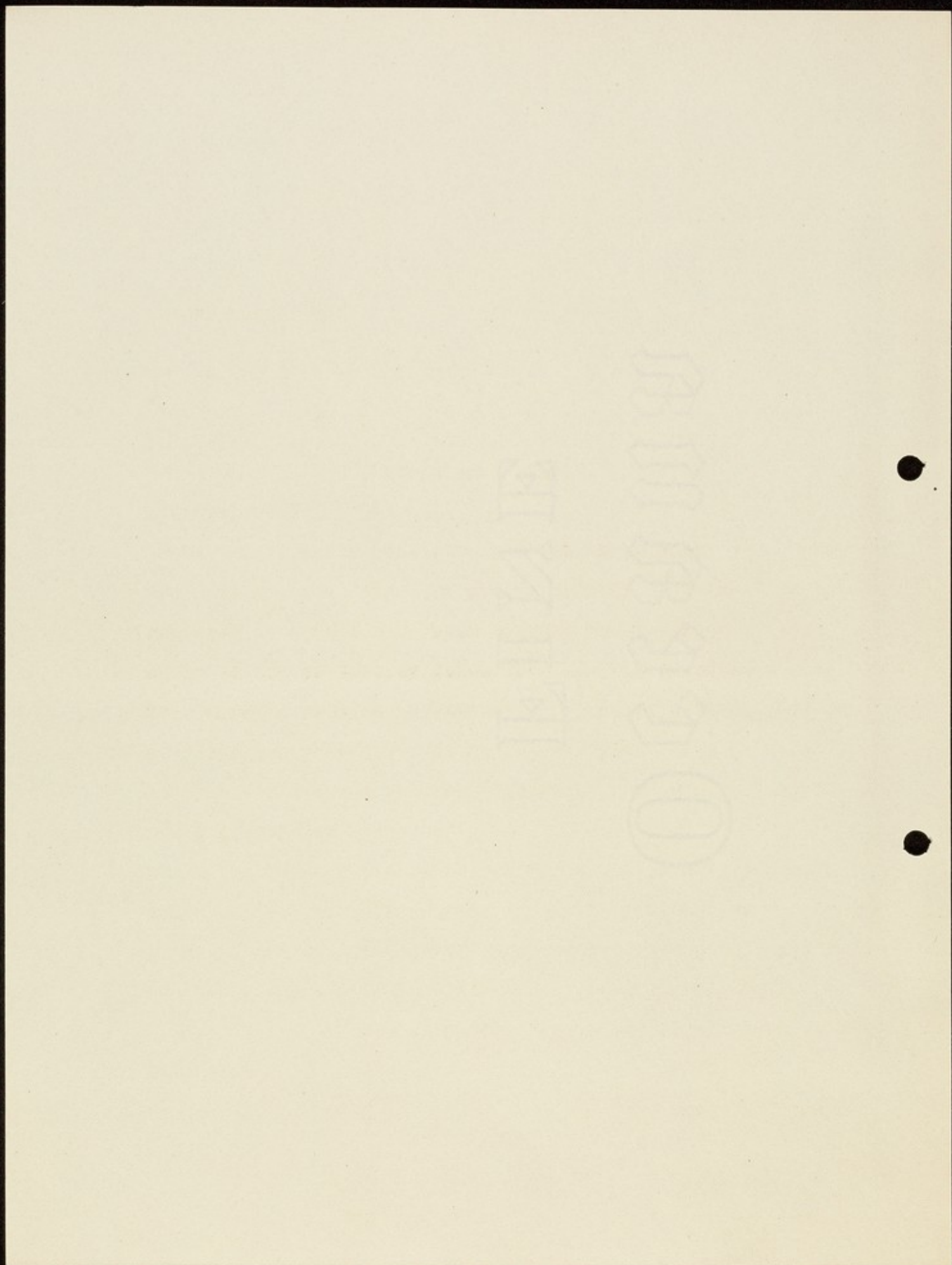
Oct. 29, 1908

Dear Mr. Varty,

With reference to your letter on the question of terms I must submit the matter to the Committee of the Retreat which meets in about three weeks. There is no difference made in the comforts received in the Gentlemen's Lodge except when patients have meals in private rooms, and the question is merely whether the Committee will reduce the terms to the figure which you name.

We will arrange to send the letters to you, but I have already forwarded a number of Mr. Varty's letters to various addresses, including one to Mr. Dodds, a solicitor in Newcastle who proposes to come and see him.

Yours very truly,



Oct. 27, 1908

Dear Sir,

Your letter to hand. I do not think there will be much advantage in your coming to see Mr. Varty at present. In about two or three weeks, when he has been here a little while, it may be well to have a straightforward talk with him, but I feel sure there is no use in trying to explain away his difficulties just now.

I did not see your letter as I do not interfere with the correspondence of patients unless there is some particular reason for doing so. I would suggest that you write to him in general terms that you are quite sure that the step taken was not taken without careful consideration, and that the best plan for him is to rest satisfied that his father and friends have done the best they could under the circumstances.

Yours very truly,

Thomas Dodds, Esq.

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Oct 26. 1908

Dear Sir,

Enclose the usual form
of agreement which kindly
return to me when completed.

Mr Ernest Tatz had the sum
of £8. 10. 6 in his pocket when
admitted here - & this amount has
now been placed to his credit in
the ledger -

Yours faithfully

W. E. Saller

Secy.

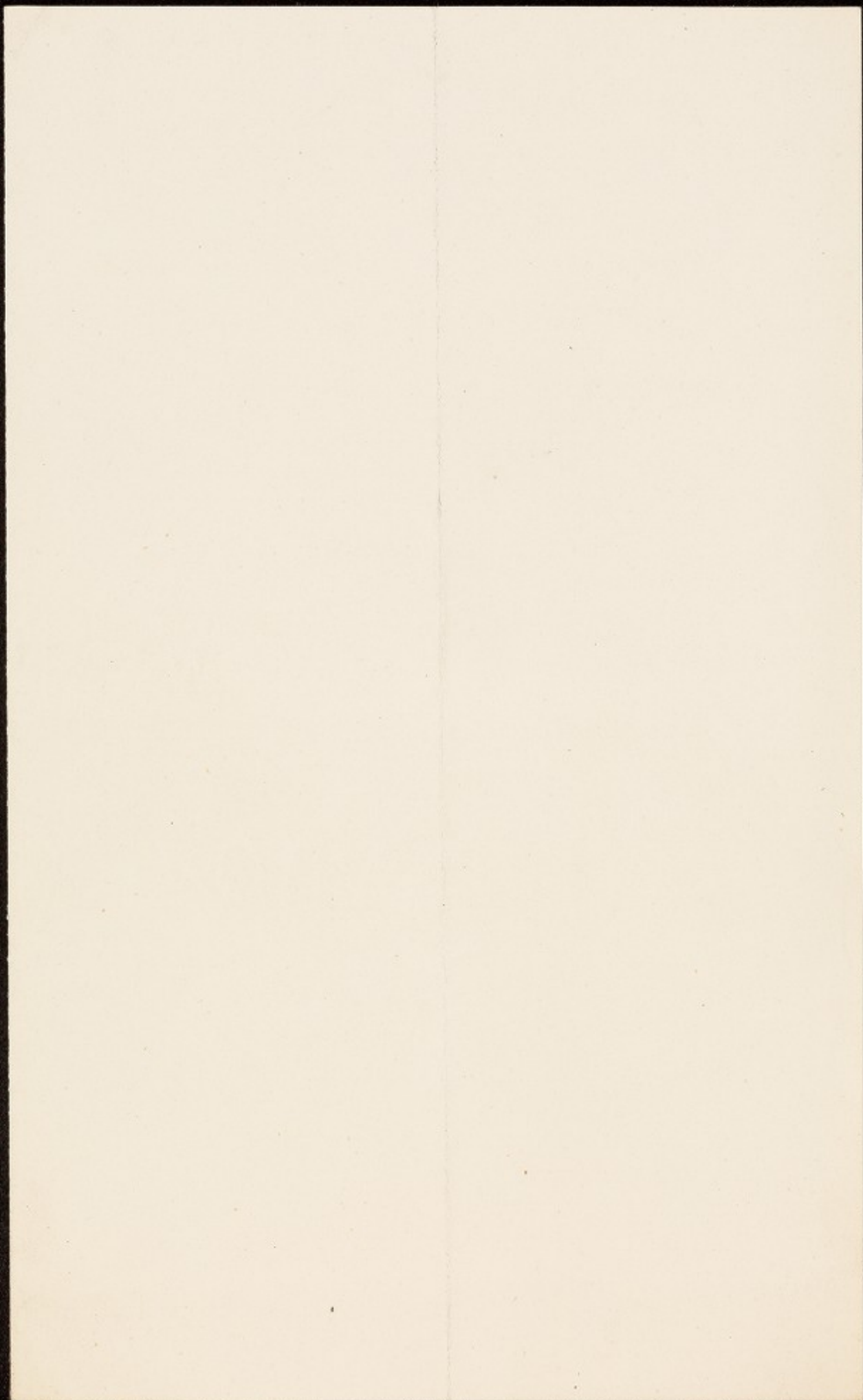
pro. Tatz & Co.

Oct 26. 1908

Dear Sir,
Enclosed the annual form
of agreement which I trust
you will find acceptable.
The Council has had the honor
of Mr. C. E. Smith's letter
advising me - that you had
been pleased to accept it
the letter -

Yours faithfully
W. E. Collins
Secy.

W. E. Collins







54 Malvern Street

Newcastle on Tyne

November 14. 08

Dear Sir

Herein I am returning the agreement which I have only just got signed & witnessed this Evening. I hope the delay has not caused any inconvenience to you in any way.

I also got your stamped receipt for the money taken from my sons pocket.

I am dear Sir

Yours very truly
Harty



N.B.—The Secretary is instructed to obtain the necessary signatures to the accompanying form of guarantee before the care of any patient is undertaken by the Retreat.

YORK RETREAT HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

In consideration of the Directors of the York Retreat Hospital for the Insane agreeing to receive Ernest Varty of _____

_____ as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE

AND AGREE with Richard Thompson
of Spring Gate, The Mount, York the Treasurer of the said Hospital, to pay or
cause to be paid, to the said Richard Thompson

as such Treasurer, or to the Treasurer for the time being of the said Hospital, all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall from time to time be or become due and payable for the Lodging, Maintenance, and care of the said patient in the said Hospital, or whilst under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital, and all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be paid or disbursed by or on behalf of the said Institution for any articles of Wearing Apparel, or other necessities, or extras supplied to, or provided for the said Patient, or the repairing or mending and washing of the articles of Wearing Apparel of the said Patient, so long as the said Patient shall continue in the said Hospital, or be under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital, and also to pay or cause to be paid the expenses in respect of the Funeral of the said Patient, in case the said Patient shall die in the said Hospital, or whilst under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital. AND I FURTHER AGREE to pay Interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum on any accounts due from me as above, which shall not have been discharged within Twenty-eight days from the receipt of such account from the Treasurer, Secretary, or Clerk of the said Hospital. AND I ALSO UNDERTAKE AND AGREE, at my own expense, to remove the said Patient from the said Hospital within Fourteen days after receiving Notice in writing from the Treasurer, Secretary or Clerk for the time being of the said Hospital, requiring such removal.

WITNESS my hand the 4th day of November 1908

Name John Varty

Residence 54 Malvern St

Occupation Master Tailor

SIGNED by the said John Varty
in the presence of

Witness's Signature

Address, and

Profession.

Thomas Roddels
Emerson Chambers
Newcastle on Tyne
Solicitor

N.B.—The charge for Board, Lodging and Medical care is payable quarterly, in advance. Disbursements by the Institution on behalf of patients, and other exceptional expenses, are charged in the following quarter's account. A residence of less than a month is charged as a month.

In the event of the death, removal, or discharge of a patient before the expiry of the quarter covered by the last payment, the surplus amount is returned by the Retreat.

